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WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

Was Lying at Foot of Stairs With Fractured Skull.

New York, March 11.—Detectives of the West Thirtieth street station are much mystified over the finding of the body of a young white woman lying at the foot of the stairs leading to a billiard room, owned and patronized by negroes, on the second floor of 104 Thirtieth street. The woman was of good appearance and well dressed. A surgeon who examined the body said death was due to a fracture of the base of the skull. There was blood upon the stairs leading to the club room, as though the woman had either been thrown down or had tried to drag herself up after she was hurt. Thirteen colored men who were in the club rooms were taken to the station house, and four of them were locked up on suspicion of knowing something of the manner in which the woman came to her death.

HAD RIGHT TO SHOOT.

Judge Declares Man Was Justified in Defending His Wife's Honor.

Butte, Mont., March 11.—Walter Brooks, who broke into the room of Emory Chevier, a barber, six weeks ago, and finding his wife on Chevier's knee, shot him dead, was today convicted of manslaughter.
In his instructions to the jury, Judge McClellan declared that under the circumstances Brooks was justified in breaking into Chevier's room, and that seeing his wife's honor in danger, was justified in taking measures to protect himself and her.

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MAD MULLAH DEFEATED

Reported to Have Lost One Thousand Men—Is Murdering Women and Children.

Aken, Arabia, March 11.—Advices received from Obbia, Somaliland, say that during the recent fight between the followers of the Mad Mullah and the Abyssinian forces co-operating with the British, the former lost a thousand men. The Mullah, it was added, is maintaining his authority with ruthless severity, cutting the throats of malcontents and mutilating women and children.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Tommy Ryan Is Ready to Fight Fitzsimmons at 154 Pounds.

(Associated Press.)
New York, March 13.—Word has been received in this city from Tommy Ryan that he stands willing to fight Bob Fitzsimmons for the middleweight championship, but stipulating that the weight must be 154 pounds.

Attel Got the Decision.
San Francisco, March 13.—Abe Attel was given the decision over Eddie Toy at the end of the 20th round here last night.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

Mr. Dunsmuir Says He Will Close His Mines for Years Rather Than Submit to Dictation of Western Federation.

James Dunsmuir and the Western Federation of Miners have joined battle in a fight which will test conclusively the relative strength of the two parties. Any doubt which may have existed in regard to the cause of the close down of the coal mines at Extension has been set at rest once and for all by Mr. Dunsmuir himself, who indicated his attitude to the Federation of Miners unmistakably in an interview with a Times man this morning.

"I will never recognize the Western Federation of Miners," he said emphatically. "Rather than do so I will close the mines at Extension, and keep them closed for two years."

The situation at Extension and Ladysmith has changed little. The men are apparently awaiting the arrival of James Baker, of the Western Federation of Miners, before making further move.

Mr. Dunsmuir, on the other hand, is most decided in his stand. He is apparently determined to fight the question of recognition of the Western Federation of Miners to a finish. Those who know him will understand that he is determined enough to never give in once he has reached a decision on such a matter. In an interview with the Times this morning he described the situation as unchanged. He, however, stated that he would never recognize a union of his men which is affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners. Rather than do so he would keep the mines at Extension closed for years. After spending the amount he has on these properties he will not have their workings placed in the position of being at the mercy of the agitators, who seem to control this great organization.

Mr. Dunsmuir contends that his men have no advantage to gain by joining such an organization. "I have always been ready to meet a committee representing any grievance which my miners have had. What advantage is there to be gained by joining the Western Federation? They have the right to even strike if they think proper without joining that body."

Mr. Dunsmuir is put out at the position in which he is placed at this particular time. The market conditions are such that he stood a chance of losing something when this trouble arose.

He was developing the works at Extension, and was about to open new mines there. He also was preparing Alexandria mine, which has been closed for about a year and a half, for work. Had the trade developed, as it promised to do, these latter mines would have been opened and employment given to a lot more men.

He contends that the wages paid at Extension are such as to prompt no such action on the part of the men. Many miners are earning more than \$4.40 a day. None of the actual coal miners are earning less than \$3.

Speaking on the subject of wages, he contends that he has not been fairly

dealt with in carrying out an agreement to discharge Chinamen from the mines at Extension. When he consented to do so at the request of the men the wages for drivers and riders were fixed. In less than two months after that an increase was asked for. That was granted only to be followed by a further demand for an increase.

Mr. Dunsmuir says he has tried to give his men every advantage, and provide every convenience for them. He was prepared to go still farther in this work, and was intending to put a train service on from the mines to Ladysmith by the new short route he is opening, by which they might go back and forth at any time.

But it is not the men he blames mostly for these troubles, but the foreign agitators, who exaggerate their petty grievances, which might be settled more easily by their meeting him personally.

The idea of a union he does not favor. He says that he never advised the formation of a union among his own men. On the contrary his plan was that an association among them would be assisted very liberally by himself in the way of forming a benefit fund. The committee representing his miners to whom he proposed that scheme, misconstrued it into a declaration on his part of being favorable to a union. Hitherto he never took the trouble to contradict that report.

From the tone of Mr. Dunsmuir's conversation it is quite reasonable to suppose that when he meets his men, which meeting must undoubtedly take place, he will be inclined to ask concessions from them which will ensure the harmonious working of the mines for some time before he will consent to reopen the properties at Extension.

That Mr. Dunsmuir attaches the blame to the leaders in this agitation rather than to the body of the men is shown in the prompt way in which the leaders were dismissed the other day. The officers of the newly organized union were those who were discharged from his service, which clearly indicated his feeling toward them.

In explanation of his attitude to the federation, the ex-premier says that were his men to join it, his properties might be tied up on the occasion of every coal strike in the United States.

Situation at Ladysmith.

A dispatch from the Nanaimo correspondent of the Times says:
"This morning two crews of the coal trains were laid off at Ladysmith, and the engines put in the shops at Wellington. The top hands at Extension mines have been laid off, and there is every prospect of a long spell of idleness."

"Ladysmith men visited Cumberland yesterday to interview the miners, but there is no strike there as yet."

"James Baker, of the Western Federation of Miners, is expected daily, and a meeting will probably be arranged for Sunday at Ladysmith."

EXTENDING WIRES.

Postal Telegraph Company Will Build Line Along the Union Pacific's Right-of-Way.

(Associated Press.)
Omaha, Neb., March 13.—The Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Postal Telegraph Company came to an agreement by which the Postal Company will build a line of wires on the Union Pacific's right-of-way from Omaha to the Pacific coast. The poles and wire have been stored here for some time, and the work of construction will begin at once. The line will carry six wires, and the total cost of construction will be \$1,500,000. The object of the new line is to connect the Postal Company's system more directly with the Pacific cable, now being constructed by the Mackay interests.

C. P. R. PRESIDENT.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Paying a Business Visit to England.

(Associated Press.)
New York, March 13.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., has arrived at Queenstown, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. He says he is visiting England to attend to several matters of business, and trusts to see the ocean mail contract settled before he returns to Canada.

THE TOLL EXPEDITION.

Zoologist and Three Others Have Reached Town in Eastern Siberia.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 13.—Barula, the zoologist of the Baron Toll expedition, who left the expedition's yacht Zaria in May with three others to engage in scientific research in New Siberia, has arrived at Irkutsk (a city of Eastern Siberia, 20 miles from Lake Baikal). The expedition, headed by Baron Toll, is exploring the Siberian coast line. It was reported on November 23rd to have been cut off from the coast by early winter ice in New Siberia, and on February 21st the Imperial Academy of Science at St. Petersburg decided to send an expedition to search for Baron Toll and his companions.

CHANGE.

Hawaiian Coins Will Be Melted and Turned Into United States Money.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, March 13.—Sixty-five thousand dollars of Hawaiian money has been transferred from the United States sub-treasury to the local mint. This is the first consignment of Hawaiian coins to be melted and turned into United States money.

THE VANCOUVER STRIKE.

Six Striking Clerks Have Returned to Work in the C. P. R. Office.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, March 13.—The strike situation today shows little chance of settlement. The master teamsters worked hard yesterday, bringing goods to the various stores from the C. P. R. In several cases the union men employed in these stores declared they would go on strike if the master teamsters handled the goods that were opened, and the cases were accordingly returned to the Canadian Pacific warehouses. The strikers' meeting last night was largely attended, but no action was taken. Six striking clerks returned this morning to work in the company's offices.

WANTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

The Hawaiian Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry is Missing.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, March 13.—Wray Taylor, commissioner of agriculture and forestry of Hawaii, who is wanted at Honolulu for embezzlement, left San Francisco on February 11th, ostensibly for Southern California, but has been ascertained since, his baggage was checked to New York. The funds which Taylor handled amounted to \$163,000.

PROCEEDINGS IN DOMINION HOUSE.

COL. TROMPSON MOVES ADOPTION OF ADDRESS

Alaska Boundary and Tariff Questions—Transportation Commission Will Soon Commence Work.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 13.—Dr. Desjardins, member for Terrebonne, was introduced in the House this afternoon. He got rousing Liberal cheers. He was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. C. Fitzpatrick.

Col. Thompson, representing Haldimand and Monck, then moved the adoption of the address. He said that he accepted the honor as one for his constituency rather than himself, a constituency which returned that patriot whom Canada owed so much, William Lyon Mackenzie. Assaulted in Montreal, burned in effigy in Kingston and mobbed in Toronto, it was left to the agricultural constituency of Haldimand to recognize the true patriotism of Mackenzie. Col. Thompson then took up the different items in the address. He spoke of the close of the war in South Africa, the coronation and the welcome which the Canadians got in London. Touching the Alaska boundary, he said that Canada would not ask one foot of American soil nor would it surrender one foot of Canada. (Cheers.)

Dealing with the tariff, Col. Thompson said that what Canada wanted was Canada for Canadians and not Canada for some Canadians.

Mr. Demers seconded the address. R. L. Borden, in reply, spoke in favor of mutual respect and preference between Canada and Britain, and advocated that the government open negotiations for taking in Newfoundland. He regretted the position which the Alaska boundary was in.

Transportation Commission.
In connection with the paragraph in the speech from the throne regarding the appointment of a commission to inquire into the transportation question on account of the large influx of population into the Canadian West, it is stated tonight that the government intends taking action at an early day. It is understood that Sir William Van Horne will be offered the chairmanship of the commission and that there will be associated with him two prominent men. A thorough investigation will be made into the requirements of the country in this regard.

HAVANA'S HOTEL.

President Palma Favors Sale of Prison Where New Building Would Be Erected.

(Associated Press.)
Havana, March 13.—Sir Wm. Van Horne has visited President Palma and agreed to purchase the state penitentiary property, valued at \$500,000, his purpose being to erect a \$1,000,000 hotel with New York and Canadian capital. The President promised to take the matter to Congress and use his influence to secure the sale.

FIGHT BETWEEN NEGROES.

Were Employees of Rival Turpentine Companies—Elder Killed and Many Wounded.

(Associated Press.)
Norwalk, Florida, March 13.—A battle is reported between the hands of rival turpentine companies near Orange Springs. A quarrel arose between negroes employed in the opposing camps. The entire crowd became involved, and it is said eight men were killed and many wounded.

HORSES REPORTED TO BE DYING FAST

SEVERE WEATHER IN THE NICOLA COUNTRY

Young Man Killed by Falling Tree—Doctor Thrown Into River and Died From Exposure.

(Associated Press.)
Kamloops, B. C., March 13.—This vicinity is experiencing one of the coldest waves for this time of the year in the history of the country. At seven this morning it was seven below zero. At Nicola it was 28 below. Reports from the Nicola country state that horses are dying fast, and the loss out there will be great if the weather does not soon moderate. Cattle seem to be holding their own, but feed is getting very scarce, and unless the weather soon abates it is estimated the loss among cattle will also be great.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

London, Ont., March 13.—Robert Lawrence, a young Englishman employed by the Columbia Handle Works here, was killed in the woods at Kerwood by a tree falling.

Doctor's Death.
Goderich, Ont., March 13.—Dr. Frank Turnbull, of Auburn, while attempting to come down the river in a canoe yesterday afternoon, from Manchester, was upset and died from exposure after being rescued.

CONTRACTOR'S SUICIDE.

Walkerville, Ont., March 13.—Charles Cole, contractor, residing in Windsor, committed suicide here last night by hanging himself in a house in the course of erection.

STRUCK BY TROLLEY CAR.

Hamilton, March 13.—Wm. Pearce, a retired engineer of the Grand Trunk, who has been engaged in farming at Flamboro, was struck by a trolley car here yesterday and died in the hospital a few hours later from his injuries.

AN INVESTIGATION.

Being Made Into Affairs of New York Metropolitan Street Railway Co.

(Associated Press.)
New York, March 13.—District Attorney Jerome today made public a statement in reference to the affairs of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which his office had been investigating. The complainant in the case is William A. Astor, former employee of Third Avenue Street Railway Company, who, Mr. Jerome said, produced a mass of statistics carelessly compiled from the quarterly reports of the officers of the company made to the state railway commissioners. The matter was referred to Deputy District Attorney Schurman, who secured reports of the company to the state railroad commission and stock exchange, a statement made by Mr. Vreeland in a litigation with reports of two accountants.

"It appeared from a close comparison of these documents," says Mr. Jerome, "that there were manifest inconsistencies in the reports made by the company to the state railroad commissioners, which were not readily explicable from the reports themselves."

SUDDEN DEATH OF PRINCESS.

Died in a Cottage While Out Driving With Her Husband.

(Associated Press.)
Berlin, March 13.—Princess Hermann of Sax-Weimar, died suddenly on Wednesday near Hanover. She was seized with convulsions while driving with her husband, and expired two hours later in a wayside cottage. The Princess was of obscure origin, and was born at Lubbeck. It was for her that Bernard, second son of the late Prince Hermann, of Sax-Weimar, renounced his name and royal rank about two years ago, and received for himself and his male descendants the name and rank of Count von Grayenburg. The deceased Princess was, before she married Prince Bernard, the widow of the Marquis Luchessin, an Italian.

FEMALE INSPECTORS.

United States Commissioner-General of Immigration Says Their Services Are Not Needed.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, March 13.—Commissioner of Immigration Williams, of New York, has made a report to the treasury department on the employment of female inspectors. The report points out many objections to the employment of these inspectors, and Commissioner-General of Immigration Sargent has referred to the secretary of the treasury that their services are not needed. Secretary Shaw has taken no action as yet in the matter, but it is thought he will carry out the commissioner-general's recommendation.

The eruption of Vesuvius continues. The volcano was very active throughout Wednesday night, but on Thursday morning the disturbance became more feeble. The population continues quiet.

GRAND TRUNK ROAD

Will Seek Power to Build Line to Shorten Route From Pacific to Quebec.

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, March 13.—The Grand Trunk Pacific today gives notice that it will ask for powers from parliament to construct a line of railway from Gravenhurst, or North Bay, to a point at or near Quebec.

S. Logan, assistant to Mr. Hays, in discussing the matter for the president, said that it was the object of the company to get a shorter route to Quebec from the West than the company now had, and that when the extension to the Pacific ocean was completed and connection made at North Bay or Gravenhurst, the Grand Trunk Pacific would be the shortest transcontinental route.

The projected line will be a saving of something like 400 miles, and it is the belief of railway men familiar with the plans of the Grand Trunk railway that the next move will be to get control of the Quebec bridge and thereafter secure running powers on the Intercolonial to the Atlantic, thereby having an all-Canadian route and thereby being in a position to seek substantial assistance from the Ottawa government.

SIX PASSENGERS KILLED BY BRIGANDS

WERE PROBABLY SHOT DURING A FIGHT

The Bodies of the Victims Were Robbed of All Valuables by the Outlaws.

(Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Cal., March 13.—A dispatch from Tucson, Arizona, to the Herald, says:
"A Mexican bandit held up the stage which runs between Potomac and Fort, on the Yaqui river in Sonora, last Tuesday night, killing all of the six passengers. Among them was Filiberto Alverdo, a wealthy Mexican who owns a number of ranches along the Yaqui river. The authorities at Guaymas were at once notified."

"Alverdo and his wife had taken the stage from Potomac to Fort, and the bandits no doubt thought he carried a large sum of money with him. The stage carries little mail, and rarely any money or valuables, so that Alverdo must have been the mark for the bandits. The hold-up took place about half way between the two towns, but just how the stage was attacked will never be known, as all of the masked men were killed. They were picked up by the afternoon of the tragedy, and the circumstances give evidence that they put up a fight, else they would not all have been killed. Their bodies were filled of everything of value the bandits had been cut and in them. The traces had been cut and the cover of the stage and the body were both shot full of holes."

"It is thought by the Guaymas authorities that the perpetrators of the deed were some of the bandits who have taken refuge in the mountains back of Yaqui river, and were laying for Alverdo. Friends of the murdered rancher say that he had not any money with him at the time. He had been married only two months. With him were Senorita Luisa Herdo and Senorita C. H. Degonales, both of prominent families, and both of whom were murdered."

WHITTAKER WRIGHT.

Warrant Issued For His Arrest—Said to Have Secured American Citizenship.

(Associated Press.)
London, March 12.—According to a financial paper Whittaker Wright, the director of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, Ltd., for whose arrest a warrant was issued yesterday, following the order of the Chancery court, is in Egypt, secured American citizenship while engaged in business enterprises in Philadelphia and elsewhere. Those who are interested in the prosecution tell the Associated Press that this is the first they have heard of Wright being an American citizen, although they knew he went to America as a young man. Wright is believed to have been born in Cheshire, England.

It is pointed out that providing Wright should prove his American citizenship, his extradition could not be secured by the British government without the consent of the state department at Washington.

FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS.

(Associated Press.)
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ONTARIO POLITICIANS.

Ontario is now the political storm centre of the Dominion. Sensational charges have been brought against one of the members of the Ross government, and if on investigation it shall be established that there is any substantial foundation for the allegations, the duty will assuredly devolve upon the Premier of throwing off his coat, taking up a very heavy broom and applying himself with considerable energy to the cleaning up of his establishment. Indeed, it is doubtful whether any process of purging could be sufficiently drastic to satisfy the demands of the electorate. They may consider it necessary to demand a change of government. As the people of Canada rose en masse in 1873 and in 1900, and drove from power corrupt Dominion administrations, so they may rise shortly and demolish a provincial government of Ontario which has proven itself unworthy.

There has been a tremendous outcry of late against the corruption which has crept into public life. He would be a bold man who would declare that the conditions in Canada are worse to-day than they were when Toryism was in full bloom. In the days of the Family Compact in Ontario, according to historians of repute and the files of newspapers, votes were bought and sold openly at the polls. That state of affairs, in combination with other abuses of an even more serious character, brought about the formation of the Reform party. The work of reformation went on steadily for years, resulting in the passage of laws for the preservation of the rights and privileges of the people. The franchise in the early days was conferred upon comparatively few. Now we have practically manhood suffrage all over the Dominion, and the ballot has placed every man in a position of absolute freedom in the exercise of his privileges as a freeman. The polling booth has been hedged about with all sorts of safeguards to preserve it from the pollution of the heeler and the corruptionist. It is undoubtedly true that a few of the successors of the Reformers have proved themselves unworthy of their inheritance. Perhaps it was inevitable that in some cases their consciences should become seared through association with the original Canadian disciples of misrule. The heaven of corruption has spread, and there has been a most tremendous upsurge from the original source of the evil at the slightest evidence of its workings.

The Conservative press of Canada has made a most tremendous hullabaloo about political corruption in Ontario. There are few public institutions in Canada that are conducted in an absolutely perfect manner. There are few public men in any country in the world—none in Canada outside of the Tory party—who are absolutely free from blemish, perhaps who do not occasionally do the wrong thing. But there are Tory politicians who slip occasionally, as the records of the election, courts in Ontario for the past six months show. There is only one human way of judging as to the relative purity of the two parties. We must institute comparisons, and such comparisons must be of records. If we desire to be fair we must place the record of the fallible Grit party alongside of the record of, not the ideal Tory party, but of the real working Tory party. And what do we find? That the volume of corruption in the ranks of the Tories is still as two to one in comparison with the volume of the evil stream in the columns of the reformed Grits. There have been at least two Tories unseated for unlawful practices to every Grit deposed for similar offences.

But of course the alleged offence of Hon. Mr. Stratton cannot be condoned by such facts. All that can be said in defence of the Ross government at the present time is that there are some unaccountable features about the accusation of Mr. Gamble and the attitude of the Conservative leadership in the Ontario House. Mr. Ross has taken the pro-

per course. He has decided to take the matter out of politics entirely, and submit it to the judgment of "an independent tribunal of impartial jurists." The court will hold a thorough investigation and pronounce a judgment which will consider either Hon. J. R. Stratton or Mr. Gamble, the member for Manitoulin, to private life, and perhaps at the same time seal the doom of the Liberal government of Ontario. Mr. Whitney does not desire an investigation by an impartial tribunal. He has no faith in the ability of courts of justice to deal impartially with such a matter. He would prefer it to be left to the judgment of the Legislature. What would that mean? That the government would be excused by the strength of its "brute majority" and would continue in power for another four years. If Mr. Stratton is guilty as alleged we are quite sure the country wants to be informed of it with certainty, and that in the event of such proof being forthcoming that it would like the opportunity of dealing with the sinner. Why does Mr. Whitney wish the matter to be kept entirely within the domain of party politics? Is this merely another of his melodramatic plays—another of the sensations which will not bear the searchlight of an impartial investigation? Undoubtedly up to a certain point it weakens a government to hurl such charges against it. When the dividing line is reached the public is apt to get disgusted and turn with vengeance upon the scandal-monger.

There is another aspect of this Gamble charge. If the opposition had won all the bye-elections that have been held this winter, the government of Ontario would assuredly have been beaten. Mr. Whitney would have had a sufficient majority to carry on without appealing to the electorate again. If the charges that are now made will bear investigation they would have defeated every candidate put up by the Ross government. Why were they held back until the Legislature met, and why do the accusers now insist that they shall be investigated by mere politicians? We may be mistaken, as we admit that our faith in Whitney is not of great depth, but it appears to us that this latest spectacular display is a meteoric outburst which may be taken as a portent of the fall of the political curtain upon the career of the leader of the Conservative party in Ontario. Of one thing we are quite sure: Some one will have to go. It may be Mr. Gamble. Where he will go we shall see by and by.

THE WEATHER.

We are beginning to think there may be something in the theory of the Chicago University professor that the earth has broken away from its orbit. The weather is unusual. But someone will probably combat the theory by pointing out that the sun is still in his old place, and that it is the atmospheric curtain, and not the other surrounding it, that affects the temperature. It is an evil habit that certain has fallen into of reading itself to pieces on the mountains and distributing some of its parts through British Columbia. The people of this province would not have cared so much if the distribution had come at a more reasonable time of the year. But here we are with the grouse hunting, the cock pheasants crowing and the hens laying eggs, the birds singing and hailing, the advent of leaf and blossom, the ploughman whistling behind his nag, and all nature preparing for the glad spring song, when the temperature drops with a dull thud to the neighborhood of thirty and along comes a spanking breeze to drive the biting frost home.

The Times has been told by an authority that the cold snap will do good. Nature was in too big a hurry to proceed with the duty of reproduction this year. It is necessary to her welfare that her blood should be cooled down occasionally. The frost kills off undesirable insects and parasites, and trees and vegetables rejoice. That may be true as regards Vancouver Island in the neighborhood of Victoria. But the sudden fall in temperature, we are told, has had a demoralizing effect upon stock in the interior. Horses are dying in considerable numbers already, and if the spell should prove lasting the consequences to ranchers may be serious. Cattle are more successful under adverse conditions than horses, but a denture of food at present might have a serious effect later on when the testing time arrives. The effects of a few degrees of frost upon the human system are undoubtedly wholesome, but, for the sake of the province generally, we are convinced Victorians would cheerfully forego the rare luxury. Besides, what is the use of ice when curling stones and skates cannot be applied to it?

The enlightened and progressive republic of Brazil has also become an upholder and defender of the Monroe Doctrine. It is true the motives of the South American republic are not quite so altruistic as those professed by the government of the United States. In the case under consideration Brazil took possession of territory to prevent it from government by some unscrupulous foreigner, but the act was performed because it was felt that a sacred duty was due the other nations of South America. Some European nation, it is not stated which one, was endeavoring to obtain an opening for a wedge, and Brazil promptly closed the aperture up and reported to the United States for approval. If that wedge belonged to Germany, it was probably a discreet act to inform the United States of what had been done.



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The world will probably hear more of this matter.

A Toronto paper has raised a "burning" question. It inquires: "Do Chinamen wear our nightgowns?" The Mongolians in the holy city of the Dominion are rapidly adding to their numbers, and the natives are gradually withdrawing from their positions of altruistic benevolence or indifference. The medical health officer has discovered that the Chinese laundries are overcrowded, that the washwomen sleep in the clothes of their patrons, and that generally the establishments are a menace to the health of the community. Then it has been proved by police court proceedings in Montreal and Toronto that the Chinese are inveterate gamblers. If there is anything the average Canadian member of Parliament has a horror of it is gambling. On the whole, events are so shaping themselves that there will probably be little opposition at Ottawa to the proposed increase of the head tax to five hundred dollars.

The manufacturers of Canada are meeting in Toronto to-day for the purpose of deciding upon a plan of inducing the government to grant them increased protection. As an evidence of the straits to which they have been reduced by foreign competition, one of the manufacturers suggested that the government should do something to relieve the stringency in the labor market. The factories are so crowded with orders that five thousand more mechanics could be employed to advantage in the province of Ontario alone.

Montreal Star: "Joe" Martin announces that he is prepared to smash the British Columbia government on condition that the majority who act with him do not then attempt to form another government. That is very like "Joe." He is usually "against the government"—even the one he is in.

The trade between Great Britain and Canada still continues to increase at a gratifying rate. The volume gathers force as it advances. Perhaps it may shortly become strong enough to convince the sceptical on both sides of the ocean that the preference is not to be repealed or dispensed.

TWO LOVERS.

George Elliot.
Two lovers by a moss grown spring,
They lean'd soft cheek to cheek together,
And heard the wailing thrushes sing:
Oh, budding time!
Oh, love's first prime!

Two, wedded, from the portal steep;
The bells made happy carolings:
The air was soft as fanning wings:
White petals on the pathway slept.
Oh, pure eyed bride!
Oh, tender pride!

Two faces o'er a cradle bent;
Two hands above the breast were locked:
Their pressed cheek and other while they rocked.
Then watched a life that love had sent.
Oh, hidden power!

Two parents by the evening fire,
The red light fell above their knees:
The hands were close, the eyes were deep degrees,
Like buds upon the lilac spire.
Oh, patient life!
Oh, tender strife!

The two still sat together there;
The red light shone about their knees,
But all the heart was now degrees,
Had gone and left that lonely pair.
Oh, vorage fast!
Oh, vanished past!

The red light shone upon the floor
And made the space between them wide:
They drew their chairs up side by side;
The pale cheeks joined and said "Once more."
Oh, memories!
Oh, past that is!

SKY-SWEEPING ORATORY.

Louisville Times.
The Missouri legislator who referred to his opponent in debate as "noise with hair on it," must take off his hat to Senator Kittinger, of the Indiana Senate, for his eloquent description of Senator Park as a "whining old whistled snuffbox." Verily, it is only to the whom lamb that the legislative wind is tempered.

GOLDWIN SMITH ON METHODISM.

Bystander in Weekly Sun.
The spiritual enthusiasm which gave birth to Wesley's movement has gradually declined, and there remains a great ecclesiastical organization seeking to extend its influence, and for that purpose allying itself with political party, courting popularity, and doing homage to the powers that be. There is nothing in this at which we need be much surprised, and which we associate upon very much to blame. Enthusiasm is in its nature evanescent, and apt to fall while organization and vested interests remain.

SLEEPY RAILWAY TRAVELLERS.

Medical Press and Circular.
To sleep at any moment is undoubtedly a sign of physical soundness and philistine sanity, especially in the matter of the brain and its functions. A physician would have little anxiety about the general condition of a patient who could sleep at will on a railway journey. In these days of hurry and bustle there could be no more encouraging sight to the physician than to see a railway carriage at midnight full of sleepy passengers.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE.

Chicago Tribune.
"What?" said the attorney, "you a married man, and yet you say you do not know where a woman's pocket is?" "Yes, I'm a married man," answers the witness, hotly, "and I want to tell you where a woman's pocket is. It is in that it's all you want to do to keep your eyes on your own pockets without trying to find out where your wife's are!"

WORDS OF THE WISE.

Oh, how many hearts are breaking!
Oh, how many hearts are aching!
For loveliness and love are gone,
For the word you might have spoken?
A very few men live at a future time—
Scrib.
Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day and at last we cannot break it.—Horace Mann.

ALIEN DOMINATION.

To the Editor:—The duty on coal imported into the United States was removed, whereby a larger market was at once opened for British Columbia coal. There followed:
A strike at the Crow's Nest Pass coal mines.
A strike at the Nanaimo coal mines.

Action on the part of the miners at Extension, which they knew would lead to trouble and the closing of the mines. This may only be a coincidence, and most people would think so, if it were not that the trouble in each case has been fomented by people from the United States.
A. B. C.

HIGH SCHOOL HEATERS.

To the Editor:—In last night's Times in the report of the proceedings of the board of school trustees, Mr. Jay took upon himself, advisedly he says, to condemn the heating plant of the Victoria High school, and in his remarks says that it has been taking out and replacing radiators, and still had to place other radiators in position, which should have been done in the first place.

Now, I would like very much to inform Mr. Jay that I am waiting patiently for the trustees to have the brick walls cut so that it will be possible to install those particular radiators, as there are no openings in the walls for them, as coils were intended to be used in the first place. As a radiator is of a neater design of a heater than the coil, radiators were adopted after the letting of the contract, and on the other the work was completed as I requested by the architect, to make the change in installing a special kind of radiator.

Now, Mr. Jay, would you kindly inform me why, if this class of radiators was intended for those rooms, were the air-shafts in the brick walls not built for them?

Secondly, would Mr. Jay kindly give out to the public my tender in full detail?
Thirdly, was there not a plan giving in detail all that my tender provided for?
In answer, I must say that if the school trustees ever intend heating the school building they will have to keep the windows closed, as no hot water heating plant will heat the building and the clouds at the same time. Again, in the last three weeks there have been

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City News in Brief.

—For a good lunch go to the Escalet Cafe.

—The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths will hold a special meeting in Labor hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

—A meeting of the directors of the Provincial Hospital will be held in the board of trade building on Tuesday evening.

—At St. James' church this evening the bishop of the diocese will give an address at the special Lenten service, which commences at 7.45.

—If you don't believe that Heald's mechanical treatment cures rashes, let us refer you to some of the best known citizens who will gladly testify. Moody Block.

—The Douglas summer gardens have been subdivided into building lots. These are being offered for sale by the B. C. Land & Investment Co. The block of land embraces about ten acres, and offers a number of splendid building sites.

—E. J. Finnegan, who has been manager of the Greenwood branch of the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred to Spokane where he will take charge of the branch which is being opened at that city. Mr. Finnegan is well known in this city.

—There was nothing in the police court this morning. Probably when the cold snap moves off there will be a harvest. Such is the uncertainty of police court life. On one day there will be a big batch of culprits, and on another there won't be even a lone repentant drunk.

—The postponed meeting of the house committee was held at the Jubilee hospital yesterday afternoon. After passing a good number of accounts the question of the installation of metaphors in the various wards and offices of the building was discussed. After going fully into the merits of the instrument it was decided to have the building fully equipped with them at once.

—The funeral of the late Chas. Sharpe took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna yesterday afternoon. Religious services were conducted by the Rev. J. P. Westman. There was a large attendance, a number of the members of the Carpenters' Union, which deceased was a member, being present. The pall bearers were: Messrs. T. Piper, Donald Grant, D. Kelly, H. Sea, E. Kermode and J. J. Smith.

—The meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society, which was to have been held last evening, was postponed owing to the absence of the president, Mr. Pemberton. Jay & Co., seed merchants, are offering a special price of 5¢ for the best collection of sweet peas, not less than 12 varieties, grown from seed purchased from that firm. The directors are also thinking of holding a chrysanthemum show this autumn.

—A lecture is to be given in Institute hall on Monday evening on the interesting subject, "India and Delhi at the Time of the Mutiny." The lecture will be given by F. J. L. Tyther, under the auspices of the King's Daughters. The lecture will be illustrated by line light views which have been prepared from photographs taken by the lecturer's father at the time of the mutiny. These have never before been made public, and will add very much to the interest of the lecture.

—Next Tuesday is the 17th of Old Ireland, and will be fittingly celebrated by sons of the Emerald Isle in the hall over. In Victoria a number of entertainments will be held, and in other ways the day will be commemorated. The Harry Lindley Company will give a special performance under the auspices of the Queen's Daughters of the St. Andrew's Cathedral, an organization of young ladies of the church, newly formed. The bill will be the Irish-American comedy "The Fireman," introducing the St. Patrick's Day picnic. Little Mystic will sing illustrated songs, including "The Rose of Killarney" and "Why Did You Sell Killarney?" Ward Matthee, the Irish comedian, will also introduce Hawaiian recitations, and Nellie Long will appear in the southerly role.

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—Bank Exchange.—The Escalet Cafe, from this date, will serve merchants' lunch from 11.30 to 2 p. m. at usual town prices.

—Capt. Wm. Meyer, of this city, and Wm. Jensen, of Samish, are about to erect an hotel and general store at Hardy Bay. The work will be undertaken as soon as the government wharf is completed.

—Archdeacon Scriven will likely be removed from Ladysmith to Natal, where he will take Rev. C. E. Cooper's place during the absence of the latter in England. A successor to Archdeacon Scriven has not yet been appointed.

—The heirs of the late Samuel Banner, who died from the effects of a street car accident, have received from the Great West Life Assurance Co. the sum of \$1,000. This is the full amount of a policy taken out by the victim of the accident only about a year ago.

—On the first and third Tuesday of March, April, May and June, the Northern Pacific railway will sell home-seekers' excursion tickets from all points in the East and South. For full information call at the Northern Pacific ticket office, corner Government and Yates streets, C. E. Lang, general agent.

—A concert was given by the Royal Engineers in the barracks on Wednesday evening. "Barney's Mistake" was the most enjoyable feature of the entertainment. The programme follows: Overture, by Sapper Duncanson; comic song, "Wasn't Sure," by Corp. Simpson; recitation, "The Wreck of the Armored Train," by Sapper Lockwood; song, "The Stowaway," by Sapper Grey; comic song, "Addie Smoker's Daughter," by Corp. Easton; song, by Corp. Baker; Big Four song, "Why Don't You Get a Lady of Your Own," by Lieut. Elliott; farce, "Barney's Mistake," "God Save the King."

—At Waitt's music store last evening a farewell entertainment was given by Miss R. Stoddart in honor of her sister, who is returning to Montreal. There was a good attendance, and an excellent programme consisting of ten selections was presented. Among those who took part were: Mrs. Russell Boulton and Mrs. J. W. Fox, and Misses R. Stoddart, Stoddart, D. Stoddart, John and Muriel, who is returning to Montreal. Miss Maud Stoddart, Miss Ethel John and Master Thornton Fullerton made their first appearance in public. They are the pupils of Miss Stoddart, and acquitted themselves in a manner which was a credit both to their ability and to their instructor.

—About 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Thomas P. Sehl was the victim of a painful and what might have been a serious accident. He was working on the hull of the Esquimalt Marine Ways, which is on the Esquimalt Marine Ways, and in doing some work at the extreme edge, slipped and fell. The fall, which was probably a distance of 90 feet or more, was broken by a plank, lessening its force considerably. For the first ten minutes or so after the accident the unfortunate man was unconscious, but he recovered before the arrival of the Jubilee hospital ambulance, which had been telephoned for. A medical examination disclosed the fact that no bones were broken, the only perceptible injuries being some severe bruises and a strained back. It is not yet known whether there are internal injuries.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

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Toronto, March 12.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:	Asked.	Bid.
Black Tail	7	4
Canadian O. P. S.	17	12
Cariboo McKinley	17	12
Cariboo Hydraulic	17	12
Centre Star	23	24
Deer Trail Con.	2	2
Fairview Corp.	5 1/2	4 1/2
Giant	25	24
Granby Smelter	\$5.10	\$4.75
Iron Mask	7	6
Morning Glory	7	6
Morrison	3	3
Mountain Lion	15	10
North Star	13	10 1/2
Payne	21	19
Republic	35	27
Republic Cariboo Con.	7	5
Sullivan	4	3
Varadero	17 1/2	14
White Bear	3	2
Ward	17 1/2	14
Ward	4	4
Ward	4	4
Ward	4	4
St. Eugene	35	28

Toronto Sales To-Day.

Payne—2,000 at 7; 500 at 20.
Virtue—1,000 at 7.
Rossland Sales Yesterday.
Black Tail—2,000 at 5 1/2.
Cariboo McKinley—1,500 at 30 1/2.
North Star—1,000 at 11 1/2.
Payne—500 at 20.
Giant—1,000 at 24.
Sullivan—2,000 at 30.

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N. Y. K. Steamer Rikio Maru Completes a Stormy Passage From the Far East.

Equipped with every requisite for the housing of a large number of men, the big white wheel steamer Yosemite was quietly taken out of port a few days ago, and having been taken to Vancouver has been moored as a temporary home for the non-union men whom the C. P. R. Company have employed along the waterfront in that city.

Inquiry was made at the C. P. R. office yesterday to ascertain where the steamer had gone, but as Capt. Troup was absent no information could be gleaned. Before sailing the vessel was supplied with a lot of new tables, and other equipment necessary for the accommodation of a large number of men. It had not been in commission during the winter months, and could well be spared for the purpose. Being an exceptionally roomy craft she is well adapted for the business, and will afford an excellent home for the men. In this way it is hoped, according to report, to prevent the men from going up town after working hours, and from mixing with union labor.

In connection with the strike situation in Vancouver an interesting event occurred prior to the departure of the Aorangi last week that has never been published. Union labor refused to load the ship, and when it was seen that the work was being successfully done by the men of the steamer, an able body of Australian seamen—mostly Scotch—was once created, culminating in an open fight just previous to her sailing. The result, according to a Vancouverite now in the city, was decidedly in favor of the ship's company, there being a number of badly beaten "rats" standing about when the ship pulled out from port.

DELAYED BY STORMS.

Two days lost through stormy weather was the report of the big steamship Rikio Maru when she arrived from the East last night. The steamer was expected on Tuesday, but throughout the voyage encountered a series of heavy weather, and her decks were frequently flooded. The ship brought 3,310 tons of miscellaneous cargo from the Orient, of which she landed here 152 tons. She also brought for Victoria one Chinese and 7 Japs. For Vancouver she landed 19 Japs. There were 21 Japanese for Seattle; 7 for Portland, and 1 Korean and 33 Japanese for San Francisco.

News comes from Tokyo that Russia has made a demand for a concession to lay the projected railway between Seoul and Wijn, a purely strategic line, the concession to lay the Seoul-Fusan railway had been granted Japan. The demand naturally excited considerable indignation in Japan, though some publicists profess that it was merely made as a diplomatic "bluff" to forestall a possible demand by Japan for the same privilege as a quid pro quo for the last first bank note prohibition. However that may be, it is announced that Korea has rejected the Russian demand.

FLAT BOTTOMED WRECK.

A notable fact in connection with the loss of the little schooner Geo. W. Prescott, elsewhere referred to in these columns, is that she was flat bottomed. This characteristic of the vessel's construction probably accounted for her loss, said a shipping man this morning. The R. I. Morse, another schooner which was lost a year ago, was also nearly flat bottomed, while still another wreck of the same type was the Amethyst, which drifted into Barkley Sound last winter bottom-up. These vessels all had a very small hold on the water, and in a heavy gale, such as that which the Prescott was wrecked last Tuesday, stood a very poor show of escaping. The owners of the Prescott were A. Mathison, W. Peddie, V. Gullin and C. S. Baxter, each of whom held a quarter interest. Capt. Ramlose, who had charge of her, held a heavy mortgage. The Prescott was a vessel of 32 tons register.

PREVAILING RATES.

R. P. Rithet & Co.'s monthly freight and shipping report for February, just issued, says:
The high price of grain ruled in San Francisco has caused the vessels chartered since our last lead at Portland and Tacoma, 17s. 6d. to United Kingdom being the rate paid from the former port.

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Lumber freights show no material change, although a slight hardening is observed in the Australian voyages.
We quote as follows:
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MARINE NOTES.

The brigantine Blakeley, owned by the Western Canadian Fish Company, is loading supplies for a fishing cruise on the west coast of Vancouver Island, principally in the neighborhood of Barkley Sound. The Blakeley, upon her return, will outfit for a long cruise in Behring Sea, in search of codfish.

The new light steamer Heather, built by Messrs. Brown of Seattle, has just been given her trial trip. She will proceed to Portland, and will there receive her first detail in service.

The British ship William Mitchell, Captain Gilbert, 1,885 tons, which is now discharging at San Francisco, has been chartered to load lumber at the Hastings Mill for South Africa.

A Washington dispatch says that the steamboat mail service between Victoria and Seattle will be continued under the present contract until June 30th next.

To-day's steamship arrivals at New York include the Germanic from Liverpool and the Nicolai, II. from Copenhagen.

The old barque Andromeda is repairing at Honolulu, and will shortly be brought to San Francisco.

WILL THERE BE A SHOW?

Question Will Be Decided at Conference of Agriculture Board and Council.

Now that a clear complete audit of the affairs of last year's agricultural exhibition has been submitted, the question of whether or not the exhibition to be repeated this fall will be decided one way or another. As mentioned in these columns the other evening, a conference is being arranged between the members of the Agricultural Association and the city council for the purpose of deciding this question. If it is decided to repeat the exhibition, a conference will be held to decide the details of the exhibition. These steps will be taken as soon as possible, as the members of the association realize the necessity of taking immediate action. It is considerable work to be done before the association is ready again for work. Besides a probable material alteration in the management of the exhibition, the matter of the appointment of a secretary has to be decided.

Reamont Rogers, referring to the big expenses incurred last year through improvements to the grounds and the increase of accommodation, points out that this was necessitated through the extremely large number of entries in horses, cattle, sheep and swine over those of the year before. This was due to the local show coming off after that of New Westminster, and a lot of the stock showing at the latter exhibition also entering here. In 1901 there were 90 entries of horses, compared with 242 last year; in cattle there were 140 in 1901 and last year 255, in sheep there was a difference of 48, and in swine, while at the last show there were 120, the entries in 1901 there were only 94. To accommodate all this stock it was, of course, necessary to go to considerable expense in the construction of a large number of new pens. This was the principal reason for the amount expended in "improvement" to buildings and grounds. There was, of course, money spent on other work which has been included under this head.

Mr. Rogers also gave an explanation of the reason why the Dominion Co-operative Home Building Association was charged more for space than the ordinary exhibit, as pointed out by H. N. Jones, manager of that concern, in a communication to the Colonist. It seems that the application of that company for space was referred to the chairman of the hall committee, who decided that as the exhibit was of a wholly advertising character, more should be charged for the space than for the general industrial exhibits.

The snow, while it is a source of annoyance to the majority of Victorians, is providing the more youthful population of the city with an unlimited pleasure. Every night all the hills are covered with pleasure seekers enjoying coasting. Perhaps the most frequented resort for this sport is Rossland Hill. Yesterday a boy coasting at Oak Bay collided with a fence at the bottom of the incline and ran a nail in his face. The fun was stopped for a short time owing to this accident, but not for long.

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THERE MAY BE A STATION ON COAST

TO REPORT SHIP'S BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Company Writes Board of Trade for Information—Carmanah Suggested as Suitable Locality.

It is quite within the bounds of probability that the not very distant future will see the establishment at Carmanah, or some contiguous point, a wireless telegraph station similar to those on the Atlantic coast. The possibility of this being done has been mentioned more than once during the past year, but until recently no indication of the attitude of the wireless telegraph company in the matter has been officially received. At this morning's meeting of the board of trade council the president, L. G. McQuade, announced that a communication had been received from the company asking for information as to the best place to establish such a station on this coast.

The letter, he said, had been referred to the board's standing committee on harbors and navigation, who, after fully investigating the matter, had reported in favor of Carmanah, or some neighboring point. The committee had been notified accordingly, special stress being laid on the proximity of this point to the North Pacific naval and military base, and the rapid growth of shipping in these waters. An acknowledgment was received from the company, thanking the board for its information and encouragement, and stating that as soon as the advantages of the other stations were satisfactorily demonstrated the company would take under consideration the advisability of establishing one on the coast.

The council endorsed the action taken by the president and the committee in the matter.

Mr. Vincent, of the standing committee on harbors and navigation, reported the result of the conference recently held at the city hall to discuss the question of incorporating a board of harbor commissioners for this coast. He said that the committee had passed a resolution which will be referred to the city council to urge upon the Dominion government to incorporate this board. During the discussion which followed Mr. Vincent's report at the meeting this morning, it was asked if the harbor commissioners would expect remuneration. It was pointed out that such bodies invariably received large remuneration, and that if the commissioners were paid out of the allowance of \$10,000 per year for general harbor improvement, there wouldn't be much left with which to carry on the work.

The council considered more consideration should be given to the matter, and it was decided that a meeting should be arranged between the joint committees, which met the other day. The meeting was taken during the discussion on some amendments to the harbor bill, which was referred to the effect that shipping had been turned away from Victoria because of lack of harbor accommodation. It was contended by some of those present that such was the case, and it was furthermore held that such statements were highly prejudicial and therefore another conference was necessary in order that the actual facts could be ascertained.

Apologies of the question of harbor improvement, the committee on harbors and navigation presented plans showing where the dredging, as advocated in a previous report, should be done. As was to be remembered, the report, which was adopted in a meeting at which Hon. Mr. Templeman was present, provided for the deepening of the harbor from the entrance to the railway bridge to a uniform depth of sixteen feet at low tide, and the upper harbor to a uniform depth of twelve feet at low tide.

A communication was read from the Montreal Chamber of Commerce advocating an important step. It directed attention to the loose way in which accounts were kept, so frequently, according to the case of parties being found unable to meet their obligations. The Montreal board asked the co-operation of the Victoria board in securing Dominion government legislation making it compulsory on all persons or bodies corporate, doing business or obtaining credit to the extent of \$1,000, and upwards, to keep books sufficient, in case of failure, to render account of their operations, and that such persons and bodies corporate be held criminally responsible unless they show that the absence of regular books of accounts was not for the purpose of defrauding creditors. This proposal was heartily endorsed by the council.

A communication was received from the Chamber of Commerce in reply to a letter from the board of January last, in which the chamber was invited to assist in increasing the board's popularity. The secretary of the newly-organized body informed the board that the Chamber of Commerce was at all times willing to act in conjunction with it in the best interests of the commerce of the city.

There were present at the meeting President L. G. McQuade, in the chair, and Messrs. C. F. Todd, D. R. Kerr, R. Seabrook, T. W. Patterson, Simon Leifer, Jas. Thomson, S. J. Pitts and Secretary Elworthy.

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